

*Denton County.*—Stephen Augustus Venters, of Denton, county, was born in Pitt county, North Carolina, June 27, 1833; received a common school education, and was brought up in the mercantile business; came to Texas and settled in Peter's Colony, in 1846, locating in Denton county the same year; elected county clerk in 1848; has served ten years as clerk of the county and district courts, two years as county judge, and was also a member of the House of the Thirteenth Legislature; elected to the Sixteenth Legislature as a Democrat, by a majority of 106 votes, over one Democrat and a Greenbacker.